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Denali Training Fund Quarterly Progress Report

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Name of Organization: Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust
File 8-211

Name of Project: Heavy Equipment Operation

Reporting Period: 7/1/08-9/30/08

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Expenditures to date: \$5,274.74

Certification: I certify that the information in this report is current, correct and true and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Signed by: *Ken Peltier*

Dated: 10-3-2008

1. In a few sentences, please describe the scope of your project: *Training rural residents in the basics of Heavy Equipment Operation either at our Palmer Training Site or in village to work on rural construction projects either funded by the Denali Commission or public works projects.*

2. Project Activities for this Reporting Period:

Describe the grant activities that happened during this report period. Include planning, advertisement and/or training performance that occurred this quarter? List any accomplishments achieved. (Attach advertisements if applicable)

We worked with two contractors in two rural villages to do training for upcoming projects - training in Kivalina with Brice, Inc. for an Erosion Control Project and training in Grayling with Cruz Construction for the clearing and sitework for Grayling Airport Project.

In Kivalina we had 14 applicants for the training- 8 completed the training; 4 did not pass the drug test; one did not finish the class- failed to notify the instructor that he was sick - just didn't show up; one found another job. In Grayling we had 8 applicants for the training and 8 completed the training.

3. Scheduled Project Activities/Important Dates for next quarter:

Describe your planned activities and training for next few months. Please include important dates like graduation, site visits, travel, job fairs, etc.

We are coming into the office season for construction. We do not anticipate doing any training again until spring. The airport project in Grayling is proposed to be a two year project and the contractor would like us to do more training in the spring for the actual construction part of the project. We also will be working with the Denali Training Office to determine what other rural areas have upcoming projects and the possible training of local residents for those projects.

4. a. How many are in your training program during this reporting period?

16

b. How many people have been trained and/or certified to date from this grant?

16

(Please complete form below.)

5. Please complete the list by putting the community to which each individual trained is from, the type of training and certification, the graduation date and who will employ them upon completion of training.

Community where trainee lives	Type of Training/ Service	Type of Certification to be earned/earned	Dates of training	Graduation Date	Employment commitment after training is complete
8 Individuals From Kivalina	Heavy Equip. Orient. – Articulated Trucks	Certificate of completion	7/14-7/18/2008	7/18/2008	Brice, Inc.
8 Individuals From Grayling	Clark Skidder & D-6 Mulcher	Certificate of completion	8/29-9/4/2008	9/4/2008	Cruz Construction

Please copy and use another sheet if you need more spaces.

6. Please identify any problems or changes in your training project that will affect the budget, scope or timeline of the project. Is your training on schedule? What are the reasons for any difficulties or delays? Are you over budget/under budget? Have you had to change the initial scope?

In order to start training in the spring for any projects that might be scheduled for the 2009 summer construction season – communication needs to begin soon educating the contractors and the villages that training is available for upcoming projects. Our experience is that the more time given for the interview of participants allows for a much more successful training. We will work with the Denali Training Fund to identify upcoming projects.

Please provide an explanation to this change and your resolution to the variance.

7. How are you or will you be evaluating the individuals being trained to ensure competency, skill level and understanding? (Testing, assessment, etc)

All of our instructors are highly skilled in their individual fields of heavy equipment operation. Through weekly evaluation forms during the training they assess the participant's strengths and weaknesses, overall attitude, work habits, use of safety equipment, equipment and tool use, class performance, field/shop performance and skill level. Each individual that completes the training will receive a Certificate of Completion.

8. Please identify areas that we can assist you in the future.

We feel there needs to be more communication between the Denali Commission, the Village councils and the contractors as soon as a project bids to let them know that funding is available for training.